

NYWBA

NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Celebrating a Legacy

In January I had the unfortunate task of reporting to our membership the all-too-soon passing of former **Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye**. I had the honor of attending her funeral, where Lincoln Center was filled to the rafters with those who came to pay tribute to such an amazing woman. However, many of our members were not able to attend – after all, the Court system could not shut down entirely. In order to share some pieces of the amazing tribute to Judge Kaye, her daughter, NYWBA Litigation Committee Co-Chair **Luisa M. Kaye**, her granddaughters, **Sonja & Andrea Hagemeyer**, and her friend and sister on the bench, **Hon. Carmen B. Ciparick**, graciously allowed us to print the eulogies they presented that day in this issue, which we dedicate in loving memory to Judge Kaye.

In our last newsletter, I was honored to share with you some of my memories of meeting and working with Judge Kaye. In this edition, we give you a little background on the trailblazer she was and the legacy she left for our members and women all over, as well as some tributes from colleagues and friends. It is an understatement to say that Judge Kaye will be missed, but it is clear that her legacy will live on.

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MARCH 2016



Jennifer P. Brown

NYWBA Matrimonial & Family Law and Children's Rights Committees

are proud to sponsor a CLE Program on

"So, There is Alienation, Now What?"

hosted by

*JAMS Matrimonial and Family Law neutrals
Caroline Antonacci, Esq. and Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin*

Moderator, Hon. Lori S. Sattler

Saralee Evans, Esq.

Sara L. Weiss, Ed.D.

Virginia A. LoPreto, Esq.

The speakers will discuss the myriad issues facing the Courts, mental health professionals and attorneys where there is parental alienation and the possible solutions.

Date: *Wednesday, March 2, 2016*, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Place: *JAMS*, 620 Eighth Avenue (40/41 Sts.)
34th Floor, NYC

CLE: *2.0 CLE Credits**

Cost: *Free* for NYWBA Members; \$50 for non-members

RSVP: Email MFrsvp@nywba.org.

* 2 CLE credits (professional practice) pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board: free for NYWBA members, \$50, non-member: Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info on the guidelines and to apply, contact CLE Chair **Amy B. Goldsmith** at cle@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential.

** If you are not a current member, join or renew using our secure online membership form at www.nywba.org/Membership.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

~ April 20, 2016 ~

**NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting &
Elections followed by
NYWBA's Ethics CLE Program.**

~ May 2, 2016 ~

NYWBA Annual Awards & Installation Dinner

~ SPECIAL SECTION ~ Tributes to the Life and Legacy of Hon. Judith S. Kaye (1938-2016)



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Check www.nywba.org for more Meetings, Programs & Events.

NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At its December 7, 2015 meeting, the *NYWBA Committee on Nominations* nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below. The elections will be held at the Association's Annual Membership Meeting on **April 20, 2016**. (See meeting notice, page 3.)

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President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

Thank you to NYWBA Past President **Elizabeth A. Bryson**, Newsletter Co-Chairs **Alexandra Campbell** and **Jessica Cygler Wagner**, and our Executive Director **Karen Lu**, for your tireless work on this special newsletter edition.

February was an exciting month of events, starting with the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee hosting "**A Night at the Movies – the Art of Cross Examination**" with **Hon. Laura E. Drager** and **William Herman**. Judge Drager and Mr. Herman presented to a packed house, and we have received rave reviews. The requests for an encore performance have been rolling in!

On February 24th, we held our **Annual Judicial Reception** at the Yale Club to honor Newly Elected, Re-Elected and Newly Appointed Judges of New York County, the Appellate Division First Department, and the Court of Appeals. Nearly all of our honored guests were able to attend, and, as always, the event was a huge success. Thank you to all of our event sponsors for your support of the night and the NYWBA. (Please see pg. 11 for a list of our Judicial Reception Sponsors as of the date the newsletter was printed.)

Finally, I am happy to report that our membership drive finished on a triumphant note. As of today we have 727 members, which is a new record for this time of year. Thank you to everyone who participated for your hard work and dedication.

This month will be chock full of CLE programs, which, as always, are free to our members. The Matrimonial and Family Law Committee, along with the Children's Rights Committee will be sponsoring a panel program moderated by NYWBA Matrimonial and Family Law Committee Co-Chair **Hon. Lori S. Sattler** on March 2 entitled "**So There's Alienation, Now What?**". The program will be hosted by JAMS Matrimonial and Family Law Neutrals **Caroline Antonacci** and **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin**. The Criminal and LGBT Committees will be hosting a 2-part lunchtime CLE Program entitled "**Promoting Justice – Legal Issues Facing Transgender People**" on March 9 & 16. We will also be co-sponsoring a **Bridge the Gap Program** with NYCLA on March 23 & 24, which our members will be able to attend at a discounted rate.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual meeting on April 20, where we will be voting for our 2016-17 Officers, Directors & Delegates. The meeting will be immediately followed by an exciting Ethics CLE program moderated by NYWBA & WBASNY Ethics Committee Co-Chair, **Nicole Hyland**.

As always, our calendar is also full of committee meetings, in addition to these exciting events. If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership, and if you have a colleague that hasn't become a member yet, encourage her or him to join.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.



SAVE THE DATE!

June 2-5, 2016
WBASNY 2016 CONVENTION
Loews Don Cesar Hotel
St. Pete Beach, Florida

For details go to www.wbasny.org

COMMITTEE NEWS

- **Advance the Status of Women in the Profession Committee** meeting on **March 15**, 6 p.m., at Le Pain Quotidien, 81 West Broadway, NYC. Email AdvanceStatus@nywba.org for info and to RSVP. Planning is also underway for a free **"History-Making Moments"** program on **March 29** for Women's History Month. (See website for details.)
- **Children's Rights Committee** is co-sponsoring a CLE Program with the **Matrimonial & Family Law Committee** on **March 2**, 6:00 p.m., **"So, There is Alienation, Now What?"** with **Moderator Hon. Lori S. Sattler, Saralee Evans, Esq., Sara L. Weiss, Ed.D, and Virginia A. LoPreto, Esq.** at JAMS, 620 Eighth Ave. (40/41 Sts.), 34th Fl., NYC. To RSVP email MFCChairs@nywba.org. *Space is limited; advance registration required.* (See notice, p. 1.)
- **Civil Courts Committee** meeting on **March 22**, 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre St, Room TBA, NYC. For more info and to RSVP email CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org.
- **Criminal Law Committee** meeting on **March 15**, 6:15 p.m. at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th St., 16th Fl., NYC. To RSVP email CrimLawChairs@nywba.org. The **Criminal Law** and **LGBT Committees** are also co-sponsoring a CLE program on **March 9 & 16** (1-2 p.m.) with the **NYC Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee**, and **LGBT Committee of the Assigned Counsel Plan Appellate Division, First Department** on **"Promoting Justice: Legal Issues Facing Transgender People."** (See notice, p. 10.)
- **International Women's Rights Committee** meeting on **March 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at Le Pain Quotidien, 81 West Broadway, NYC. RSVP to IntlChairs@nywba.org.
- **Legislation Committee** meeting conference call on **March 21**, 6:30 p.m. To RSVP and for dial-in info email Legislation@nywba.org.
- **LGBT Committee** meeting on **March 10**, 5:30 p.m. at Brady Klein Weissman LLP, 501 Fifth Ave., 19th Fl., NYC. For more info email LGBTChairs@nywba.org. The **LGBT** and **Criminal Law Committees** are also co-sponsoring a CLE program on **March 9 & 16** (1-2 p.m.) with the **NYC Criminal Court Gender Fairness Committee**, and **LGBT Committee of the Assigned Counsel Plan Appellate Division, First Department** on **"Promoting Justice: Legal Issues Facing Transgender People."** (See notice, p. 10.)
- **Litigation Committee** meeting on **March 29** (time/location TBA). Email LitigationChairs@nywba.org for more info.
- **Matrimonial & Family Law Committee** presents a CLE Program with the **Children's Rights Committee** on **March 2**, 6:00 p.m., **"So, There is Alienation, Now What?"** with **Moderator Hon. Lori S. Sattler, Saralee Evans, Esq., Sara L. Weiss, Ed.D, and Virginia A. LoPreto, Esq.** at JAMS, 620 Eighth Ave. (40/41 Sts.), 34th Fl., NYC. Email MFCChairs@nywba.org to RSVP. *Space is limited; advance registration required.* (See notice, p. 1.)
- **Program and Events Committee** meeting on **March 2**, 6:00 p.m. at Kirkland & Ellis, 601 Lexington Ave. (at 53rd Street), Room 43A, NYC. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Events@nywba.org.
- **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** meeting **March 1**, 6:30 p.m., at Rottenstreich & Ettinger, LLP, 222 East 41st St., NYC. To RSVP email reproductiverights@nywba.org.
- **Solo and Small Law Firm Committee** meeting on **March 17**, 8:30 a.m. on **"Networking Strategies"** at Phillips & Paolicelli at 747 Third Ave., 6th Fl., NYC. The next meeting will be on **April 14** (location TBA). For more info and to RSVP email SSFChairs@nywba.org. The New York State Bar Association will also present a program for solo practitioners on **March 3**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see notice, page 10; program is not sponsored by NYWBA, and NYWBA free CLE policies do not apply).

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **April 20, 2016**, when the President & Treasurer will present reports on the State of the Association and its finances, and the Association will hold elections for Officer, Director, and Delegate positions. (See p. 2 for the NYWBA Nominations Committee Report, which includes a list of all open positions, terms of office and nominees, as well as a list of Directors continuing in office.)

Article XIV, Section 1 of the By-Laws provides that only members who are in good standing and whose membership dues were received by **January 31, 2016** may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Article XVII, Section 10 of the By-Laws provides that any fifty members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting may, by a writing delivered to the Corresponding Secretary not less than *forty days* prior to the Annual Meeting, propose candidates for officer or director positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Such petition must be *received* no later than **March 15, 2016** and must be addressed to Corresponding Secretary Virginia A. LoPreto, New York Women's Bar Association, The Chrysler Building, 132 East 43rd Street, # 716, NYC 10017-4019.

The Annual Meeting and Elections will be held at **Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC**, 488 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, NYC (btw 51st/52nd Sts). Immediately after the elections, NYWBA will present an Ethics CLE Program (*details to be announced soon*).

NOTES ON MEMBERS

NYWBA sends its heartfelt condolences to **Karen Rosenthal** on the passing of her father, Irwin Rosenthal. Mr. Rosenthal was a co-founder of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to Newsletter@nywba.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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| Caroline M. Antonacci | Ashlee Crawford | Elizabeth J. Shampnoi |
| Barry Berkman | Jeri Essagof | Heather Shulman |
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as of 2/9/2016

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With their generous contributions, Sustaining Members make it possible for us to accomplish so much more. We honor and thank them for their support.

Peter Bienstock
Patricia E. Hennessey
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Elizabeth J. Shampnoi
Pamela M. Sloan

The NYWBA wishes to acknowledge the death of **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia**, a conservative leader and champion of originalist constitutional interpretation, who served on the Court for three decades.

Tributes to Hon. Judith S. Kaye NYWBA Remembers a Visionary Leader, Colleague, and Friend

By Elizabeth A. Bryson



On January 7, 2016, the **New York Women's Bar Association** sadly reported the passing of **Honorable Judith S. Kaye** at the age of 77. On January 11, 2016, a moving and heartfelt memorial service was held at Lincoln Center for this gifted leader of the bench and bar, who was also an extraordinary mentor and friend. In our January announcement, we were only able to skim the surface of Judge Kaye's accomplishments, such as the fact that she was the first woman to serve as an Associate Judge on the New York State Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, and the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the State of New York. In those and other roles, she influenced legal precedents, statewide policies, and national priorities for the betterment of all. What we couldn't cover in that initial announcement was a sense of the broader reasons why she will be terribly missed, and why her remarkable legacy will last for generations to come.

Shortly after learning of Judge Kaye's death, NYWBA President **Jennifer P. Brown** told me how much she had admired her accomplishments as a jurist and Chief Judge long before they actually met. The fact that Judge Kaye proved to be so warm and open in person made Ms. Brown respect her even more. She remarked about how generous Judge Kaye was with her time; her enthusiasm as a speaker at our events; and her sponsorship and support for many Women's Bar activities and initiatives. Each of us has similar memories of Judge Kaye.



NYWBA President Jennifer P. Brown and Hon. Judith S. Kaye

I am honored to have been asked by Ms. Brown to prepare this tribute on behalf of the New York Women's Bar Association to celebrate Judge Kaye's life and legacy. This assignment has made me reflect not only on the very long list of Judge Kaye's accomplishments – as an individual, as a judge, and as Chief Judge, but also on some of the reasons why she holds such a special place in our hearts. Many people are brilliant and bold, but how many temper their actions with an awareness of the fact that any one individual – no matter how intelligent – cannot know everything, and that we all need the help of others who have their own perspectives and expertise to ensure that the best options are identified and implemented? Many people are compassionate, thoughtful and giving to their friends and acquaintances, and some of them are also determined to do good in the larger world, but how many of them are sufficiently organized and able to accomplish even a fraction of their optimistic goals, while simultaneously maintaining both a global perspective and a sense of the detailed work needed to turn a good idea into an effective reality? And of those people, how many are able to keep a true work-life balance so they have time to be truly present in the lives of their family members and to also take care of themselves?

Like many people who were beneficiaries of her kindness and insights, I was fortunate to come within Judge Kaye's generous umbrella and to become a better person due to her influence. Each of us who knew Judge Kaye came away with more than a few life lessons that are worth remembering for the remainder of our lives and passing on to the next generation. From my perspective, some of these lessons include:

- *Try to make a difference; set ambitious goals – both personal and professional, and don't be afraid to tackle real problems.*
- *Regularly reassess your goals and try to identify "opportunities for improvement" in your objectives and yourself. Learn from tragedies and mistakes.*

- *No matter how smart or capable, no one person can know everything – everyone needs help and perspective. Bringing together a coalition of people from different backgrounds, those with a range of expertise and views, exponentially enhances the likelihood that you collectively can come to understand the true scope of a problem, identify available avenues and resources for achieving desired results, and make it more likely you can be prepared for potential pitfalls and counter-arguments that may arise.*
- *Live in the moment. Prioritize the important stuff, but don't let it blind you to the small things that make a difference day-to-day.*
- *Be kind, and recognize that not everyone has your advantages. Whenever possible, mentor others to reach their own potential.*
- *Understand that not everything can be scripted, and sometimes you need to graciously adjust to unexpected events.*

Of course, the learning of these lessons came not from some manual or playbook, but from actual experience with Judge Kaye's brilliance, humanity, and depth of understanding.

Like Ms. Brown, I had admired Judge Kaye from afar long before I met her. She was appointed as an Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals in 1983, the year I graduated from law school and became an attorney for the City of New York. As a litigator and appellate attorney in government and later in private practice, I was struck by Judge Kaye's cogent and thoughtful approach to the law and legal precedents in her opinions.



Hon. Judith S. Kaye, Linda Greenhouse (Recipient of The NYWBA President's Special Award and then-Chief Supreme Court Reporter for The New York Times), and Past NYWBA President Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann (l-r) at NYWBA Annual Awards & Installation Dinner in 2004

I joined NYWBA in law school, and it was through the Women's Bar that our paths crossed. I first met Judge Kaye on a Friday in the mid-1990's as we both walked into a hotel that was the venue for that year's annual WBASNY Convention. I introduced myself, and we started talking about Convention events, CLE programs, and anticipated excursions. She mentioned she was excited because one of the vendors was a clothing company she liked for women's suits. I happened to have perused that section of the Convention program, and she was delighted when I told her exactly where that vendor would be located within the hotel conference center. Such an innocent beginning!

A few months later, the then-NYWBA President was unable to attend a Network of Bar Leaders event, and she asked me to go in her place. I didn't personally know any of the other bar presidents or Network board members, but I was happy to help. Privately, however, I anticipated lots of potentially awkward introductions and conversations. As I entered the forum and signed in, however, Judge Kaye, who was all the way across the room, happened to notice me. She graciously excused herself from a crowd of people, and she walked all the way to the front to greet me like an old friend. Through that simple act of kindness – which was watched by everyone in the room (who was the Chief Judge heading over to meet?), I was suddenly and totally welcomed and engaged. I cannot express how much that meant to me, to be put at ease in a potentially stressful moment. To this day, I watch out for those who are new to an organization or event, and I thrust out a hand and make a point to inquire about them and make them feel welcome.

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Years later, Judge Kaye appointed me to serve on two separate statewide commissions – the **NYS Commission on Public Access to Court Records** and the **NYS Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts**, where I learned several other lessons mentioned above. Judge Kaye was truly innovative in the creation and use of many commissions, which she utilized to not only identify problems in the courts and ensure access to justice, but also to make sure that every constituency was represented in the development of potential solutions. The appointments she made to these commissions were diverse from every perspective – race, religion, lawyers from a variety of practice areas, non-lawyers with subject matter expertise, etc. Commission members didn't always agree, but the head of each commission was always a distinguished and collaborative leader who ensured everyone had a voice and everyone's opinions were considered. Moreover, each commission had the support of personnel from the Office of Court Administration with expertise on issues related to the subject area, the practical concerns to be addressed, the application of any solutions, and potential legislative issues. Judge Kaye recognized that to accomplish the most difficult tasks, it is extraordinarily helpful to get the right people engaged in finding the answers, and that having that to have such bodies look like the community made it more likely that they would appropriately represent the interests of the state's population.



In a separate tribute, NYWBA & WBASNY Past President **Meg Gifford** has eloquently discussed Judge Kaye's zealous and effective response to the devastating events of 9/11, including addressing the impact to lower Manhattan, the security of the courts, etc. I too appreciated all of the efforts by Judge Kaye and the organized bar at that time. This was not only because I was an officer of the NYWBA and a WBASNY Director at the time, but also because this was personal for me. My husband worked on the 58th floor of the World Trade Center's south tower (which was hit second but fell first), and he was present during the attacks. He survived, but he was only a couple of blocks away when his building fell, and he had friends who were not so fortunate. Judge Kaye was so kind to everyone, but she also showed us how to turn our sorrow and anguish into action. I am very proud of the response of the bar in the weeks after the national tragedy of 9/11.

Another post 9/11 event also demanded our perseverance. Much of 2000 & early 2001 was spent in planning for the *2001 Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges*, during which hundreds of judges from across the country

were scheduled to meet on the site of the World Trade Center and in surrounding hotels in early October 2001. Once 9/11 happened, suddenly the entire venue was gone, and serious consideration was given to simply cancelling the event. To their credit, then-NAWJ President **Hon. Karla Moskowitz** (then a NYS Supreme Court Justice and now an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department), Judge Kaye, and many others involved in the planning decided to go ahead with the conference to support New York City and "not let the terrorists win." This entailed moving every event venue, identifying new hotels to accommodate hundreds of attendees, rewriting and reprinting all of the conference materials, and many other tasks. I was honored to co-chair the Journal Committee, oversaw the re-drafting and printing of materials, supported other aspects of the conference, under the leadership of Justice Moskowitz and with support from Judge Kaye and other judges and attorneys. This too taught many lessons about coming together for an important cause, keeping perspective, prioritizing the important things, and ensuring that you always show the love you have for your colleagues, friends and family.

Judge Kaye was also accommodating when other unexpected things happened. In 2003, as the new NYWBA President, I received a call out of the blue from the U.S. State Department advising that several prominent female attorneys from Malaysia who were visiting New York City in the next several days would like to meet with distinguished female attorneys and court personnel to compare legal systems and identify ways that the Malaysian attorneys could improve opportunities for their female colleagues and conditions in the justice system in their country. We were honored, of course, but this seemed a nearly impossible time frame. I immediately contacted colleagues within the NYWBA and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, as well as **Mary C. Mone**, whom I knew was counsel to Chief Judge Kaye. Within hours, we had a plan to meet with the Malaysian attorneys and the State Department at the Chief Judge's midtown chambers just a few days later. Remarkably, Judge Kaye rearranged her schedule so she could participate personally. I learned first hand her dedication to the fair and equal administration of justice all over the world.

In preparing this tribute, I spoke with many colleagues. **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin**, past NYWBA President and past Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division for the First Department, reminded me of Judge Kaye's devotion to enhancing the rights of children and needs of families, and her efforts to ensure that when instances of domestic

violence were revealed in cases that they not be taken lightly but be considered a factor in court determinations. In a separate article, **Hon. Judy Kluger** has eloquently addressed the extraordinary work done by Judge Kaye and the Office of Court Administration to establish, maintain and expand problem-solving courts, including those to sensibly address and streamline cases involving domestic violence and drug offenses. In addition, Judge Kaye worked diligently to create family centers within courts to provide a safe venue for children when their parents are engaged in litigation.

During her tenure on the bench, Judge Kaye implemented many important reforms and enhancements to the court system, including expanding the pool of persons eligible to serve on juries while streamlining jury service protocols; widely expanding the resources and training for New York State judges and staff, including judges in the Village and Town Courts; initiating a multi-year project to upgrade the infrastructure of court buildings across the state; and creating specialty courts such as the Commercial Division to deal with complex and sometimes multi-disciplinary issues.



NYWBA Past Presidents Elizabeth A. Bryson, Martha L. Golar, Barbara A. Ryan; Hon. Judith S. Kaye; and WBASNY Past President Mindy Zlotogura (l-r) at JALBCA's Annual Symposium on Breast Cancer Issues in October 2004

Judge Kaye was also a co-Founder of the **Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA)**, which has been an innovative leader, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight breast cancer and support patients, sponsoring "mammography vans" that periodically provide free mammograms near local NYS courthouses, among other initiatives. Since its inception, Judge Kaye moderated the annual JALBCA Symposium, which brings together doctors, experts on genetics, judges and lawyers, and others to review issues related to breast cancer diagnosis, treatment, and other considerations – from the use of individual's tissue to legal and political challenges. Thanks to generous funding by JALBCA, in 2008 the



Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye presiding as moderator at Annual JALBCA Breast Cancer Symposium in October 2001

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Judith S. Kaye Project at The Family Center was established to provide integrated legal, social, and healthcare coordination services to low-income, minority mothers who are confronting a breast cancer diagnosis as they raise their children.

Judge Kaye was a member of three separate Women's Bar Associations, including the *New York Women's Bar Association* (representing her life and work in New York City), the *Orange-Sullivan Women's Bar Association* (recognizing her birthplace of Monticello and surrounding areas), and the *Capital District Women's Bar Association* (recognizing her many years in Albany as a member of the Court of Appeals). She was also a member of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York after it was formed in 1980, as well as the National Association of Women Judges and its New York Chapter, the New York State Association of Women Judges, among many other bar and civic groups.

Everyone has a favorite story about Judge Kaye. At her memorial service, former New York City Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** mentioned that he had asked Judge Kaye to swear him in at midnight on January 1, 2002. Judge Kaye responded that she would be happy to participate in the installation ceremony, but it couldn't be at that time, because she was already committed to running a race in Central Park at midnight on New Year's Eve. After the race, she duly appeared in her robes to install the Mayor in his new position, but she told him that her running number was still pinned to her outfit under her robes! Another speaker mentioned that a prisoner had once sent a letter to Judge Kaye at the Court of Appeals and had written "Dear Mother of Justice" as the salutation. Judge Kaye just loved that, but those of us who knew her understand that it was a most appropriate appellation, given her concerns for the courts and the people who are served by them, and for the many individuals in society who are unable to speak for themselves.

In sum, Hon. Judith S. Kaye was brilliant, generous, noble, and inspired; she made an indelible impression on everyone she met. We are honored by her memory. NYWBA sends our sincerest condolences to Judge Kaye's family and friends.

Endnotes

- For more information on Judge Kaye's life and career, see the "Biography of Hon. Judith Smith Kaye" by The Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York (available online at <http://www.nycourts.gov/history/legal-history-new-york/luminaries-court-appeals/kaye-judith.html>).
- Personal condolence cards to Judge Kaye's family may be sent to Luisa M. Kaye, Esq. (Judge Kaye's daughter and Co-Chair of NYWBA's Litigation Committee), c/o Wrobel Markham Schatz Kaye & Fox LLP, 360 Lexington Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10018-3703.
- Charitable donations in Judge Kaye's memory may be made to JALBCA for breast cancer research and patient diagnosis and support (www.jalbca.org) or to PJCJC Fund, Inc. to support the Judith S. Kaye Scholarship Fund, which provides funding for college students who live in foster care (email pjccj@nycourts.gov).

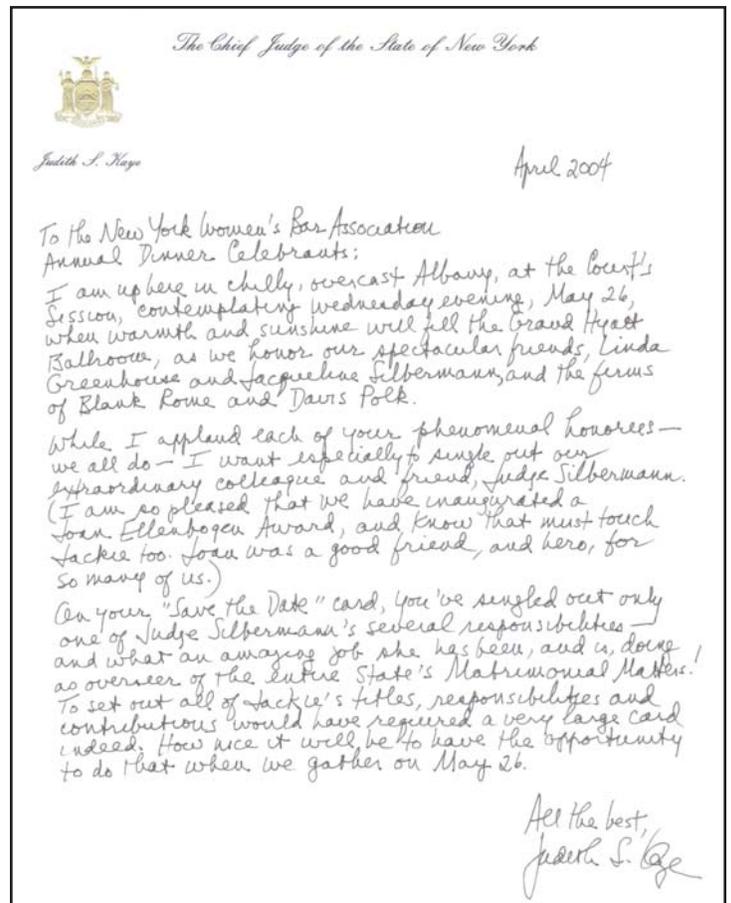
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Past NYWBA President Sheila Birnbaum (Award Sponsor), Kathryn Rodgers (Award Honoree), Hon. Judith S. Kaye, and Robert Kaufman (l-r) at presentation of the Joan L. Ellenbogen Award in 2004



Former Chief Judge Hon. Judith S. Kaye with her successor as Chief Judge, Hon. Jonathan Lippman, at the 2009 NYWBA Annual Dinner



Chief Judge Kaye was renowned for the number of personal letters she penned to colleagues and friends. Here is just one sample of a gracious personal note she sent to the NYWBA when she wanted to help celebrate our honorees.



As her daughter Luisa Kaye noted in her mother's eulogy, Judge Kaye was famous for her red shoes, and we include this photo in tribute to her bold legacy.

Tributes to Hon. Judith S. Kaye (continued)

Eulogy of Judith S. Kaye by her daughter, Luisa M. Kaye

Before I begin, some thanks. To the Skadden firm, not only for enabling my mother to attain her ultimate dream of appearing on the stage at Lincoln Center, but for giving her the post-judicial home without which she would not have survived these past five and a half years since her diagnosis. To the Board and staff of Lincoln Center. To the New York State Court Officers, who have taken care of her and her beloved courts so well. To Congregation Shearith Israel, her spiritual home for over 50 years. To Mayor Bloomberg and Judge Ciparick for their enduring friendship and beautiful tributes here today. To the honorable judges and justices of the state and federal courts, elected officials, and my mother's esteemed colleagues at the bar, to family and friends, and to everyone who is here to honor her and support us on this terrible day.

I have only worn red a handful of times in my life. It was and always will be her color. Red shoes, red suits, red blouses, red flowers, red lipstick. The most vibrant color reflecting the most vibrant soul it adorned. Today, unlike all other days when she would be here to light up the room with her spirit and her outfit, we wear red to invoke her and to honor her.

She wore it because she liked it, but it was also entirely fitting. Far from her rather staid image, she was actually a rebel. Not the sex and drugs and rock 'n roll kind of rebel, but the kind with convictions about what she could and should do with her life that may have contradicted expectations and norms, but she couldn't give a damn.

It may not sound like rebellion to go to Barnard and then NYU Law School, but that was not quite what her parents had in mind for their daughter in the 1950's. If she had been a good girl, she would have found a husband before graduation from high school, maybe gone to an upstate teachers' college.

Instead, my mother hit Manhattan to attend Barnard at age sixteen and one month. While she always maintained a deep affection for Monticello, I have an image of her arriving here and physically shedding rural life like a banana peel to reveal her true self. She wore black turtlenecks and went to Café Wah and the Bitter End. While we were watching the Downton Abbey marathon last Sunday, she shared with me that she would sometimes watch three double features in a row. Can you imagine? Twelve hours of movies? I asked her how many buckets of popcorn she ate, but she could not recall. During the fundraising interlude between the marathon and the beginning of Season 6 of Downton Abbey, we donated at the level that got us the DVD's of all of Season 6. I am very sorry that she never got to binge on them.

Her rebelliousness had lots of other expressions, even though you may not have noticed them because of her consummate elegance and grace at all times. Her patterns and colors were really out there, you must admit. Many of the positions she took as a judge and things she did as an administrator, which would be described benignly once done as "innovative" or "progressive," were nothing short of rebellion. But always with a cause, and always perfectly. She didn't make a lot of noise or fuss. She just figured out what was right and kicked ass.

She was of course a very serious person, but she was also incredibly funny. She could do deadpan and irony like no one else, and she could also be very silly and zany. You would never get a birthday cake with your actual name on it. A familiar breakfast table ritual was for my father to ask for a piece of the paper, whereupon my mother would tear off a tiny corner of the page she was reading and hand it to him. She made up

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Eulogy of Judith S. Kaye written by her granddaughters, Sonja and Andrea Hagemeyer, presented by Sonja Hagemeyer

We always knew that our Grandma was special – if her nearly undefeated Scrabble record wasn't enough, you'd know she was a big deal when you'd call her office and hear, "Judge Kaye's Chambers." However, to all of us, she was "Grandma", and our conception of how special she was really had nothing to do with her exceptional accomplishments or career.

While Grandma was certainly "Grandma" to us before we understood her as "Judge Kaye," we were all certain from a young age that she was not just your average granny. Unless she was wearing her vintage Reebok track pants, she always wore suits and skirts, her hair was always perfectly done, and let's be honest, it's safe to say that the kitchen was not her preferred domain. We shared countless times riding around in Grandpa's Barbie Magic Airplane, the three of us girls stuffed in the back, singing Mamma Mia in unison while Grandpa flew his Lincoln Town Car across the streets of New York City. Grandma and Grandpa always wanted us to be happy; growing up their favorite question was, "what do grandma and grandpa never say?" in which we would sing back in unison, "grandma and grandpa never say no!"

A few nights ago, I was looking through my Instagram pictures when I came across a photo that I had posted of Grandma that was originally published in the New York Times. If you're not familiar, the photo catches her in her office, the Empire State Building behind her, a sassy smile, and a power stance, emanating her contagious feminine prowess. I Instagrammed this photo to show off how special my grandmother was, one could say I was humbly bragging. The caption on my photo is "#tbt to the time this fierce kitty was in the *New York Times* #justiceisserved #powergrandma." Grandma was always a little bit racy, or as I captioned so perfectly, a "fierce kitty". She loved red heels, fishnet tights, outlandish, colorful patterned blouses, bold jewelry, and Shun Lee Chinese food for every occasion. But more so than her ferocity and her work ethic, her love of family and the sense of home she provided not only to all 7 of her grandkids, but to our friends and our whole family, made her who she was to us.

It seems fitting that we are all gathered here today in Lincoln Center, a place she loved so much. You've all probably read in her obituary that she had planned to go into a career in journalism. She probably would have been excellent at it, but Andie and I know that what she really wanted was to be a ballerina and dance in the Nutcracker.

Whenever we went anywhere, whether it was Pomodoro or Saks, or even when we just ran into someone on the street, she would always ask "Isn't my granddaughter fabulous?" But really it was she who was the fabulous one.

On the day of her memorial, Chief Judge Kaye's photo appeared on every billboard at Lincoln Center (Photo Credit: Elizabeth A. Bryson)

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Tributes to Hon. Judith S. Kaye (continued)

Luisa M. Kaye (Continued from Page 7)

names for us based on the activity we were doing, like our “southern” names when we spent summers in Hilton Head Island. I was Magnolia Blossom. She loved to sing and she did it everywhere, and loudly. This was very embarrassing to me as an adolescent.

My mother taught me many life lessons, most of all, by her example, that nothing of value comes without hard work and resolve, and that no change comes without making it happen. She worked harder than anyone I have ever known. When we opened a closet the other day, we found a stack of copies of “The Little Engine that Could,” which she must have kept around for when she needed a gift for a little kid. She really believed the message of that story and she really proved it.

Some lessons she actually articulated, such as to me as a woman eternally conflicted between the demands of a career and family, to “be where you are, when you are,” and don’t worry about what you’re not doing. Or less high-minded ones, like “never buy a wrap skirt,” or “don’t go out without lipstick on.” I did not always listen to her. I disappointed her profoundly when, once some time in my 20’s, I asked her where Saks Fifth Avenue was.

She told me a day or so before she died that she had had more in life than anyone could ever ask for or deserve: a wonderful marriage, an incredible career, children and grandchildren whom she adored and who adored her. Although she said she was weary of treatment, and obviously knew she was very ill, she never said she was ready to die. She fought very hard, the hardest, literally until the end. She did not lie down for death, either figuratively or literally: when my brothers found her, she was sitting up.

More than anything, I want my mother to be able to rest now. I know she is worried about all of us, and particularly about those whose lives she hoped to improve with her work. I want her not to worry. I want her to believe that there is no way she will ever stop making an impact. Like a stone that skips across the water’s surface a thousand times, she put in motion ripples that will go on expanding forever.

I’d like to read a few lines of John Donne’s poem, “Death Be Not Proud:” “Death be not proud. Though some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so. For those whom thou thinkst thou dost overthrow die not, poor Death, no yet canst thou kill me.”

NYWBA member Luisa M. Kaye is a partner at Wrobel Schatz & Fox LLP, a Co-Chair of the NYWBA Litigation Committee, and a member of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA) Board of Directors.

By Hon. Judy Harris Kluger

Judge Kaye and I had lunch together shortly before Thanksgiving. Though physically frailer than the last time I saw her, she was, as always, engaged in work and in life. She was planning for the future and we discussed projects we could work on together. Though I knew she was ill, I was shocked and profoundly saddened when I learned she passed away. She was a friend and mentor to me and so many others.

Several days later, I spoke about her at a Sanctuary all-staff meeting. I wanted our young staff to understand the historic nature of her appointment and tenure on the court, her impact on women and children, and her role in raising domestic violence awareness and promoting prevention.

As the first woman on the NYS Court of Appeals and its first female Chief Judge, she was a role model and trail blazer who set a standard of excellence and innovation that changed forever the role of Chief Judge.

She was responsible for instituting problem-solving courts designed to address the underlying issues that brought offenders into the criminal justice system. She pioneered a community court model that has been replicated throughout the world.

She recognized that domestic violence cases needed to be handled by judges with expertise and sensitivity and opened domestic violence courts throughout the state. She restructured the courts so that families impacted by domestic violence could have their cases heard by one judge. She created the Permanent Commission on Children and continued this commitment to young people long after she left the bench.

She did this, and much more, with grace, elegance and compassion. She was a pioneer in red shoes who will never be forgotten by those who knew her and all whose lives she touched.

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger is the Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families and a former Justice of the New York Supreme Court. For many years, she was the NYS Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Court Operations and Planning and later the New York Courts’ Chief of Policy and Planning. In these roles, among other responsibilities, she oversaw more than 300 problem solving courts across NYS.

By Martha E. Gifford

Everyone knows of Chief Judge Kaye’s leadership in rallying the New York legal community after the attacks of September 11, 2001 devastated downtown Manhattan and brought unprecedented challenges to the courts. As WBASNY President, I joined the other court and bar leaders who met with her regularly for many weeks to address solutions for every problem from new court security procedures, re-opening courts and honoring the court employees who died, to representation of victims’ families. Her own grief was visible. She occasionally flagged, something that most people would never imagine of Judge Kaye, but she rightly expected every bar association to contribute to the effort. Her own efforts were a fine example of the complete commitment that was needed to restore justice to our community.

Among my other memories of Judge Kaye are the many times that she and I spoke of her late husband Stephen, who was also my colleague and friend. To see her after his death was to see both of them. It always moved me greatly when we ran into each other; she always said that seeing me made her think immediately of Steve. They had an extraordinary relationship, and I was lucky to see a small part of it. I will miss her terribly as a warm and caring person, a role model and an unmatched advocate for women lawyers.

Martha “Meg” E. Gifford is a Past president of the NYWBA and WBASNY. She also has a solo antitrust consulting and litigation practice.

Eulogy by Hon. Carmen Ciparick

Many have gathered today to pay tribute to our dear friend, and colleague the very Honorable Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye. I am Judge Carmen Ciparick and am here to speak to you on behalf of the Court and as a close friend of Judith's as well.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the presence of some of our most distinguished guests and thank them for joining us today. From Washington, D.C. our esteemed Attorney General, the Honorable Loretta Lynch, former Governor Eliot Spitzer, former Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the other elected officials, Senator Schumer, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and others who have joined us today. I especially want to acknowledge our New York State Court of Appeals Judges, headed by Acting Chief Judge Eugene Pigott, seated alongside our former Chief Judges Jonathan Lippman and Sol Wachtler, the former Judges of the Court of Appeals, a very special club, to which Judith and I belonged, and also our Chief Judge nominee, Janet DiFiore, our Appellate Division Judges and most distinguished Presiding Justices, Tom, Eng, Peters and Whalen our Administrative Judges, headed by our Chief Administrative Judge, Lawrence Marks, our trial judges and all those wonderful former judges -- Judith would be so thrilled to have you all here.

Then, of course, Judith always saw fit to foster close familial ties with our Federal brethren, and they are all here. The Second Circuit Judges, headed by Chief Judge Robert Katzman, and Federal Southern District Court Judges headed by Chief Judge Loretta Preska and Eastern District Judges and Magistrates have also joined us. Thank you for your tremendous showing of respect and admiration for our beloved Judge Kaye.

Looking around this beautiful auditorium at the outpouring of so many friends and admirers who have joined us today, I see not only many of our judges, as I just indicated, but also our non-judicial employees of the Courts,

who make everything work. Judge Kaye loved all of you and touched each one of you in a very special way. And to those elected officials and others who are here from the legislative and executive branches, you know that Judge Kaye was always a good partner in government. And then, of course, the private bar, who revered her, and her efforts on their behalf, the institutional lawyers, whose lives Judge Kaye sought to make better, her friends from the arts, from her many other organizations, her personal friends, neighbors, and of course her beloved law clerks and family, all coming together to celebrate Judith and wish her a fond farewell.

We have all been reading the tributes that have been pouring in over the last few days -- newspaper articles, editorials, obituaries, testimonials from bar associations, law schools, law firms, and on and on -- whose authors, at one time or another, have been recipients of Judge Kaye's great kindness and generous spirit. But, I do not plan on repeating what has already been said so very eloquently by others, nor do I plan to catalogue Judge Kaye's accomplishments, but rather, there is a string I wish to pull, ever so slightly, from all that has been written.

As you may know, Judith loved to write letters, she would write letters to friends and family, colleagues and employees, public officials and private citizens; she would write to anyone who bestowed a kindness upon her or upon the Court. She wrote many such letters and if you will indulge me, I will read my final farewell letter to Judith.

My Dearest Judith,

I first met you in 1983 when you were a newly-minted Court of Appeals Judge. I marveled at your great accomplishments, but I didn't really get to know you well until ten years later, when I was fortunate enough to join your ranks. Then Governor Mario Cuomo had brought you a long-awaited baby sister. I took my place at the bench, at the end by the window, and

around the conference table right next to you.

I have so many fond memories of my early days on the Court of Appeals. I remember the night I arrived at Court of Appeals Hall. It was January, it was cold, it was snowy, I had missed my exit and had ended up in, of all places, Guilderland, but you anticipated my arrival and you were there waiting with a bottle of champagne and a warm embrace. I was soon to learn that that was so you, so Judith. Never missed a birthday, in fact you insisted on celebrating mine just 10 days ago with a beautiful Magnolia Bakery birthday cake. I was so touched. I will always remember that final gesture of friendship. You celebrated all joyous occasions, but also stood by your friends in times of grief and mourning. You stood by me when my husband was sick and dying, comforting me with your words of wisdom, you, who just a few years earlier, had lost your beloved husband, Stephen. We often recalled those days, and marveled about how fortunate we were to have been married to such great husbands, how lucky we were to have wonderful children and grandchildren. For you, Judith, your family was always first and foremost, your wonderful children Luisa, Jonathan and Gordy, your seven spectacular grandchildren. Birthday parties, graduations, hockey games, trips, bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs. You did it all Judith, you gave all of yourself to them.

But you gave so much to the rest of us also, to your friends, to your colleagues, to the Court system, to the people of this great state. Your 25 years on the Court of Appeals was marked by life-changing decisions, from capital punishment, to education financing, from same sex marriage, to major court reforms. You instituted the problem solving courts. I remember how excited you were when you attended your first drug court graduation. You were beaming with pride. You were also so proud of your beloved Commercial Division, which you nurtured and watched mature and graduate to become one of the pre-

miere commercial courts in the nation. You contributed so much, not just to the jurisprudence of this state, but also to the creation of a modern court system.

And when you left the Court, Judith, you didn't stop. You kept going, though attached to a prestigious law firm, you continued pursuing your passions. Your work with the Children's Commission has yielded so much fruit and will continue to do so. You spearheaded the creation of the New York International Arbitration Center which has spawned a flurry of international arbitration activity in New York. New York is now a preferred arbitration venue, thanks to you, Judith. Your tireless work on the Commission on Judicial Nomination has given us such great appointments, and so much more. You just kept going Judith, in spite of your illness, and you will always keep going in our hearts and cherished memory. You literally left this world as you wanted to, with your boots on or, should I say wearing your red high-heeled shoes, and ready to get back to work. You were an inspiration, a mentor and a good friend Judith. I will miss our dinners, our shoe shopping forays, our occasional nights at the opera right across the plaza, just talking to you on the telephone, laughing with you, crying with you. I will miss you Judith and be forever grateful for your friendship. I thank your family for asking me to speak today. I hope my words bring some comfort to their heavy hearts. Judith, there is no more pain, you are now at rest. Sleep peacefully my dear friend.

With much love,

Carmen

NYWBA member Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick is a former Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals - the first Hispanic and second woman to serve on that court, and she is currently Of Counsel and Co-Chair of the Appellate Practice at Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

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Ms. White opened the program, and NYWBA President **Jennifer P. Brown** gave opening remarks and spoke about about the Association's sponsorship of the Project from its inception in 2007. NYWBA Director Justice **Laura E. Drager** encouraged lawyers to volunteer and spoke about the importance of the Project to the administration of justice in the Courts. Ms. Fersch presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to **Robert Preston** and spoke about his work as a volunteer attorney. NYWBA Past President and NYWBA Foundation Vice President **Gretchen Beall Schumann** closed the program with remarks about the Foundation that provides financial support to the Project and the project manager, **Sarah Albert**, a student from New York Law School, was introduced to the judges and attorneys. The rest of the evening was spent mingling with the judges, signing up attorneys to volunteer, and enjoying the food and drink provided by Lee Anav Chung White and Kim LLP.

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